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SUBJ: HONG KONG REPORT ON "NEW" POLICIES
AT THE DECEMBER 1990 TAIWAN AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: A LOCAL CHINESE LANGUAGE JOURNAL HAS REPORTED THAT A NEW SERIES OF POLICIES HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN THE NATIONAL TAIWAN WORK CONFERENCE HELD IN BEIJING FROM DECEMBER 6 TO 12 TO SERVE AS INTERNAL GUIDANCE ON FUTURE TAIWAN WORK. IN SOME CASES, THEY APPEAR TO REPRESENT A HARDER LINE THAN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS WOULD INDICATE. THE REPORT NOTED THAT BEIJING IS MOBILIZING ALL UNITS ACTIVELY TO WORK TOWARD REUNIFICATION AND GREATLY INCREASING ITS EXPENDITURES ON TAIWAN-RELATED AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.

2. A REPORT CARRIED IN THE LOCAL CHINA-WATCHING MAGAZINE CHENGMING (ZHENGMING) OF 1/1/91 DESCRIBED THE DECEMBER NATIONAL TAIWAN WORK CONFERENCE AS THE LARGEST TAIWAN WORK CONFERENCE IN THE PAST 41 YEARS. SECRETARY GENERAL JIANG ZEMIN, PRESIDENT OF THE PRC YANG SHANKUN, STANDING POLITBURO MEMBER QIAO SHI, DEPUTY PREMIER WU XUEQIAN, DIRECTOR OF UNITED FRONT WORK DEPARTMENT DING GUANGGEN AND CCP'S CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION SECRETARY GENERAL YANG BAIBING ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. ABOUT 870 OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS PROVINCES AND RELATED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES ALSO ATTENDED, INCLUDING ABOUT 60 PLA REPRESENTATIVES.

3. THE REPORT DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS "SECRETIVE," WITH PAINSTAKING EFFORTS TO CONTROL EVERY PIECE OF PAPER, EVEN DURING TEA BREAKS. AFTER ANALYSIS, THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMED SEVERAL "NEW" PRINCIPLES CONCERNING TAIWAN:

1). FUTURE WORK SHOULD NOT BE "HOT-HEADED" (YI TOU REI), WHICH IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS NO NEED TO BE "OVERLY LENIENT" IN GRANTING FAVORABLE TERMS FOR INVESTMENT FROM TAIWAN;

2). IT IS NECESSARY TO REVEAL AND TO CRITICIZE "REASONABLY" AND "FORCIBLY" -- AND AT THE SAME TIME, "GIVING IN" FOR TAIWAN INFLUENCING XIANG DUITU -- WHEN TAIWAN AUTHORITIES APPEASE OR EVEN PROVIDE SECRET SUPPORT FOR THE TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT;

3). TAIWAN'S "FLEXIBLE DIPLOMACY" MUST BE RESOLUTELY OPPOSED; OUTLOOK WEEKLY SHOULD FOR EXAMPLE PUBLISH

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MORE COMMENTS ON TAIWAN'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:
1). REVEAL TAIWAN'S POLICIES AND MEASURES HOSTILE TO "TAIWAN AND CHINA"; BUT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN:
a). SO-CALLED TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS FROM THE MINORITY AMONG TAIWAN AUTHORITIES WHO GIVE SECRET SUPPORT TO OR CONNIVE WITH THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT;
b). "NON-ADVERSARIAL" KMT MEMBERS FROM THE MINORITY WHO STUBBORNLY ADHERE TO ANTI-COMMUNISM AND OPPOSE THE SOCIALIST MOTHERLAND;
c). WARMLY WELCOME AND IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL RECEPTION CAPABILITIES FOR RETURNING TAIWAN COMPatriOTS, INCLUDING AT THE PROVINCIAL, PREFECTURAL AND COUNTY LEVELS;
d). DISCLOSE, PREVENT AND STRIKE AGAINST SUBVERSION ORGANIZED BY TAIWAN AUTHORITIES. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY TOLD THE MEETING THAT TAIWAN INTELLIGENCE HAD INTENSIFIED ITS ACTIVITIES ON THE MAINLAND AND HAD SUCCEEDED IN RECRUITING "NOT A FEW" SPIES EVEN AMONG PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY CADRES.

5. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, YANG SHANKUN'S SPEECH URGED ALL TO "DO RESEARCH ON TAIWAN, UNDERSTAND

TAIWAN, FAMILIARIZE (SHUXI) TAIWAN, AND BECOME A SPECIALIST ON TAIWAN WORK." THE LOCALITIES SHOULD ALSO "PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION ON TAIWAN WORK; THE NUMBER ONE BOSS SHOULD LISTEN TO SUCH REPORTS CHUIBAO HIMSELF." ALL PROVINCES, MUNICIPALITIES, AUTONOMOUS REGIONS AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ALL MILITARY REGIONS SHOULD CONVENE TAIWAN WORK CONFERENCES. YANG HIGHLIGHTED THE POLICY OF "TRYING POLITENESS BEFORE FORCE" (XIAN LI HOU BING) AND EMPHASIZED THE HOPE OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION: "WHO WANTS TO FIGHT?" HE ASKED. UNLESS "FORCED TO" BY

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THOSE WHO PROMOTE TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE OR SPLITTISH. YANG FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT THE PARTY CENTER HAD DECIDED THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING ON TAIWAN MATTERS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR; THE BURDEN ON THE PLA WILL IN FACT BE HEAVIER NOW.

6. AS REPORTED IN THE ARTICLE, THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORLDWIDE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS ON REUNIFICATION WAS ALSO A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. PREMIER LI PENG CRITICIZED "SPLITTIST TENDENCIES" AMONG TAIWAN AUTHORITIES. ON THE QUESTION OF RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE USSR, SECRETARY GENERAL JIANG ZEMIN SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE TOLERATED AT PRESENT BUT THE CENTER WOULD WATCH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE

CONCLUDED THAT THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN REUNIFYING CHINA BUT THAT THE DEADLINE WAS THE YEAR 2000.

7. SOURCES ALSO TOLD CHENGMING THAT LI PENG HAD APPROVED A 15% PCT INCREASE IN TAIWAN-RELATED EXPENDITURE FOR '91, INCLUDING PERHAPS UP TO US \$1.5 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

8. COMMENT: CHENGMING ARTICLES IN THE RECENT PAST HAVE TENDED TOWARD EXAGGERATION AND SENSATIONALISM, BUT THIS REPORT DOES NOT APPEAR TOO FAR-FETCHED. IF ACCURATE, THE TONE OF THE MEETING SEEKS RATHER MORE

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